

REMARKS

Claims 56 and 80 have been amended only to correct typographical errors in identifying the parent claims from which they depend.

The Office Action rejected a number of claims over McFarland U.S. Patent 2,651,725 because they "do not require that the image receptor's articulated arm be mounted in one place during each positioning." Referring to the clamp supporting arm 12, McFarland states:

By virtue of the construction outlined above the clamp 29 may be clamped either to a horizontal or a vertical portion of the operating table

McFarland patent, column 4 at lines 49-51.

McFarland also refers to an embodiment in which arm 12 would be pivoted in a hole bored in the operating table (column 3 at lines 32-36).

Thus, as understood McFarland contemplated mounting arm 12 at different places as needed for different positions of the x-ray film cassette.

In contrast, as amended the claims that were rejected over McFarland now recite that the articulated structure is supported at a mounting location not required to change for movement of the x-ray receptor to **each** of the positions specified in the respective claim.

Support for this amendment can be found in, e.g., Figs. 1 and 2 in this application, where the articulated structure is supported at a single mounting location (pivot 12) for all positions of the x-ray receptor. Of course, the claims are not limited in scope to this illustrative embodiment, and some (e.g., 53, 57, 61) do not require the articulated structure to be attached to a patient table, which can be a gurney.

Applicant submits that the so-amended claims distinguish patentably over McFarland at least for this reason, although they recite additional differences as well.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this amendment timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a further telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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